

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14 are pending in the application. Claim 13 has been cancelled without prejudice solely in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims. Applicant believes that signals per se are patentable subject matter under 35 USC 101 but also realizes that the state of the patent law in this respect is currently being closely reviewed by the courts. Applicant therefore reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter cancelled herein at a later time in a continuing application.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form.

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